

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 with the following amended paragraph.

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is ~~a continuation in part of~~ claims the benefit of priority to U.S. provisional application No. 60/462,095, filed April 9, 2003. ~~This application~~, which is hereby incorporated by this reference in its entirety for all of its teachings.--

At page 30, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 and ending at line 25 with the following amended paragraph.

--In one aspect, when a compound having the formula I has an acyl group, a reporter group is present on the acyl group. In one aspect, the reporter group is attached to the acyl group via a tether. Examples of reporter groups include, but are not limited to, a fluorescent tag, a radiolabel, a targeting moiety, a lipid, a peptide, a radionuclide chelator with a radionuclide, a spin-label, a glass surface, a plastic surface, or a combination thereof. Examples of fluorescent groups include, but are not limited to, BODIPY, fluorescein, or NBD-hexanoyl. Examples of radiolabels include, but are not limited to, ¹²⁵I-tyrosine, ³H-acetyl, or ¹⁴C-acetyl. Examples of targeting moieties include, but are not limited to, 6-aminohexanoyl (Z) derivatives of integrin targeting peptide, such as ZYRGDS (SEQ ID NO: 1), Z-tat decapeptide for cell penetration, Z-GFLG (SEQ ID NO: 2) for lysosome targeting, or HA oligosaccharide for CD-44 cancer targeting. Examples of spin labels include, but are not limited to, proxyl or doxyl groups. Examples of glass surfaces include, but are not limited to, glass silanized with an epoxy, activated ester, or thiol-reactive electrophilic functional groups, beads, or coverslips. Examples of plastics include, but are not limited to, plasma-etched polypropylene, chemically-modified polystyrene, or any other plastic material. In this aspect, the LPA analog having a reporter group can be used to target discovery of diseases, which can ultimately lead to drug discovery.--

Please enter the sequence listing into the application.